

stone, a mother bird and the chicklets. You get her kicked off welfare, because in the two-year period she hasn't obtained self-sufficiency and you assure that she will not obtain it by not giving the amount needed for the child care. I think it is cynical, I think it is wrong. As for making this adjustment, people in Douglas County have had experience with this idea of we won't pay the piper right now. If there had been an appropriate assessment made on property down through the years, property owners in Douglas County would not be facing this big hike which has occurred and everybody is upset. When they were getting the lower than required assessments for the purpose of paying property tax, they were happy and that was all right. Now the time has come to pay the piper and they are upset. Senator Bohlke has already acknowledged that if DSS had been making these adjustments upward all along, it wouldn't be necessary to make one this large. If it's not made at this point, is it likely that an appropriate adjustment will ever be made? No, because the aim is to try to create an impossible situation. You set up an absolute cutoff point after which a woman cannot receive public assistance. You put as many obstacles into her path to keep her from becoming self-sufficient and then you kick her off anyway and there is no need to worry about giving aid, even though she'd be entitled to it because of her impoverished condition.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: As we go along, we'll find out that nothing was done by that task force on jobs. We haven't even touched that, and that was one of the essentials. So again we're doing the easy thing. It's easy to attack these vulnerable individuals and say, let's save some money by again failing to do that which the state had an obligation to do, namely to make these upward adjustments. I have a few questions I'd want to ask, but my time is out so I'll put my light on again and, Senator Bohlke, get ready.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, I have talked a little more with Senator Bohlke about this and she does have information, if you should want to look at it, it's similar to what Senator Brown brought out on the floor, and that is a \$12 million increase of the whole program that they list here in those areas that you discussed. And it appears